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§5–521.

- (a) The Joint Ethics Committee may make a finding developed from:
 - (1) information presented during the hearing;
 - (2) the allegation summary and any amendments to it;
 - (3) the written answer of the accused legislator to the allegation summary, if any; and
 - (4) any other information provided to the Joint Ethics Committee and made available to the accused legislator.
- (b) Consistent with the purposes of this title, the Joint Ethics Committee may establish criteria for making a finding in its written procedures established under § 5–520(a) of this subtitle.
- (c) If the Joint Ethics Committee makes a finding under this section, the Joint Ethics Committee shall:
 - (1) terminate the proceeding against the accused legislator; or
 - (2) issue any recommendations to the presiding officer of the house of the accused legislator or to the full house of the accused legislator, including any recommendations for appropriate sanctions.

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